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**NEWS**  
FROM  
**Clarken-well.**

BEING  
**A true Relation of a horrid Murther**

Committed by *John Mafen* upon *Gregory Reeves* at *Mr. Hues*  
a *Bakers* right over against the *Kings Arms*, upon *Mun-*  
*day* night last, being the ninth of *July*; With the  
manner how he wounded him on the Head  
with a half hundred weight, cut of one  
of his Ears, and stab'd him in  
several parts of the Body.

Also how he was apprehended, and his Examination and Confession  
before Justice *Powel* on *Tuesday* last, by whom he was  
Committed a prisoner to *NEW GATE*.

Together with a true and exact Narrative of a Bloody murder  
committed by a Souldiers wife on her husband, at *Dog*  
and *Bitch-yard* near the *Covent-garden*, on *Wednesday*  
last, with her Examination and Confession.

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*This is an exact Relation as it was brought from Mr. Hues the*  
*Bakers in Clarkenwell.*

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AN EXACT  
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COMMITTED  
At Clarken-well on Munday last,  
Being the 9th of July, by John Mason, upon Gregory  
Reeves, at a Bakers house right against the  
KINGS ARMS.

**L**Ove when grown beyond the wiser bounds of Reason, and that ever-waking Devil Jealousie have in all ages produced very sad effects, witness the inhumane story of *Clytemnestra*, who for the Love of the adulterer *Ægysteus*, did with a mercilesse and un-relentling hand, even at a Banquet (which the very Laws of Hospitality yea amongst the rudest Nations, might have forbid) make the



an *Ultimum* vale of his wounded body.

And *Deimira* the unfortunate wife of the valiant and hero-ick *Hercules*, harbouring in her pining breast, the never-ceasing, venomous and destructive insinuations of a suppositious jealousy, did perswade her abused self, to send her husband a flint tinctured deeply with the blood of the Centaur *Nessus*, whose poysonous vapours, did in a short time, force the spirit of that all-conquering Conquerour, to leave its old acquaintance, by which means she lost both her husband and her self.

Many might be instanced who have (through foolish jealousy) engaged with each other in single duell to the losse of both their lives, which indeed is far more noble than this so late and horrid murder.

Now this following story hath in it a double guilt both of jealousy and murder, the exact relation whereof is as followeth *viz.*

I shall first begin with the Author of this banious murder, which was one *John Mason*, who lay at Mr. *Hues* a *Bakers* over against the *Kings Arms* in *Clacken-well*, and was bedfellow to *Gregory Reeves* a poor, simple harmless fellow on whom this bloody design was Acted.

For the Reason of this cruelty so desperately executed, I only conclude, and find by the report of all, that jealousy was the Original, which through the instigation of the Devil was thus barbarously acted by *John Mason*, vwho bearing an affection to the *Carpenters* maid living next dore to the *Bakers* house vvas jealous of all that look'd on her.

But more especially vvas he jealous of the said *Gregory* an innocent silly creature,, vwho was not designed in the least, to frustrate the Suit of his supposed friend.

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But to come to this horrid act it self, on *Munday night* being the ninth instant, they went to bed very friendly, the mans Son of the house lying with them; yet by the Devils Suggestion, when poor *Gregory* was fast a sleep, and the Boy that lay with him, up got this Cruel and barbarous Murderer, and in the first place, either with the halfe hundred weight, which he set againe on the Table, or the Hammer which was since found in the Room, he stund him to hinder his crying out, and wounded him in divers places of the Head.

This not satisfying his most Cruel bloody mind, he cut off one of his ears, and having so done stab'd him in severall parts of the *Body*, of which he dyed.

The time of this sad Execution the boy lay fast asleep, and heard nothing of this bloody and inhumane Tragedy till he awaked the next morning.

Upon *Tuesday* morning being the tenth day of *July*, the Murtherer vvas discovered & removed abroad at vvhich the vvhole Family vvas not a little disturbed, the Carpenters Maid also at next dore being very much troubled and greatly grieved at this sad newes of her Neighbours death, as vvell as the desperate Condition of her Lover *John Mason*.

And the Neighbour flocking into the *Bakers* house apprehended the Murtherer, and immediately carryed him before Justice *Powel*, who lived near adjacent to the place, vvhether being examined he denyed nothing; but the Justice asking him vvhy he did it, he answered thus, *viz. I would my hands had been tyed thus last night, and it had been better for me.*

This being ended, his Mitimus vvas made, and he vvas conducted by the Officers to *Newgate*, till such time that Justice be inflicted upon him for this bloody fact.



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On *Wednesday* the 11th of *July*, the Crowner should have sat with his Jury on the party murdered but he being absent they appointed to meet the next day, till when the Corps was ordered to be laid in the ground, which was accordingly performed.

On *Thursday* the twelfth instant, the Crowners Jury as to the agreement the day before met in the Nags-head Ta- at *Clarken-wel*, and being gathered together, the body was ordered to be taken up again.

This being performed the Crowner and his Jury sat upon this sad and lamentable act, and after viewing the Corps, according to the Laws of this Kingdom, they gave in their Verdict, that they could finde it to be no other then willful murder.

When they had thus ended the Corps was again put into the place from whence it was taken, and the murderer still remains in *Newgate*, and will doubtlesse (next Sessions) receive the just sentence of Death for this cruel, bloody and barbarous fact.

The Relation of this wicked and unimitated enterprize is here published as a warning-piece to all those that are young and ignorant of the nature of love, ( which in it self is peaceable, hides multitudes of faults, plots no evil, and seeks not revenge, but if kindled with the divelish fire of Jealousy, is a plotter of all manner of mischief, and acts with bloody hands in any cruel murder what-ever ) that they fall not into such desperate designs, whereby they may not only deprive of life those on whom they commit such horrid cruelties and barbarous murders: but also bring themselves to unnatural and untimely ends, to the great grief of their Parents and friends, and to the sorrow of all good Christians, that have an eye to discern the miserable and desperate condition men fall in by Jealousie, which was the chief cause of this most sad and lamentable

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mentable cruelty committed on the said *Gregory Reeves* by the bloody hands of *John Mason*, as he lay in a dead sleep not dreaming in the least of the intended mischief designed by his bed-fellow.

This may put us all in mind of our duty to him who is the Author of all good, That in regard we enter into our beds, as into our graves, so we ought to use our best endeavours to make such a preparation for every houre, that we may embrace death as a Messenger inviting us to a Mansion of eternal glory.

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*A true account of the bloody murther committed by a Soldiers Wife on her Husband upon Wednesday last, at Dog and Bitch-yard near the Covent-garden.*

**I**N this story I shall be brief, and only give you the true account, which was thus, viz. Upon Tuesday the 10th instant, this Souldier coming home, he found his wife cramming her pipe, he being not open to his doublet, and desiring a Pipe of Tobacco she told him he should have none, but going to the box where he used to lay it, she started up with a Knife in her hand, and stab'd him in the Breast, he taking no great notice of what she did, in a jesting way flung his hat at her, with which she in earnest most desperately stab'd him in the belly, and yet was not satisfied till she had made a third assault and stab'd him again.

Since which bloody murther, upon her examination she says He was not her Husband, thinking thereby to scape the better, but the Law is more just then to pardon such bloody offenders.

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